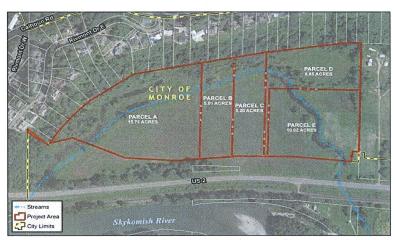


NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) FOR THE EAST MONROE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONE

This notice is to advise you that a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been issued by the City of Monroe and is now available for public review for the proposed East Monroe Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone. The Draft EIS for this project was issued for public review on August 14, 2013. Sixteen written comments were received on the DEIS during the comment period ending Friday, September 13, 2013. A public hearing to gather public comments on the DEIS was held at City Council Chambers on Thursday, September 5, 2013. The written comments and a transcript of the public hearing are included in the FEIS. The City of Monroe has now issued the FEIS which contains revisions and consideration of comments received on the Draft EIS.

The proponent, Heritage Baptist Fellowship, has requested an amendment to the Monroe Comprehensive Plan to change the subject property land use designation from Limited Open Space (LOS) to General Commercial (GC). The subject property is comprised of five parcels of land (42.81 acres) located within the eastern portion of the City of Monroe north of the Skykomish River along the north side of State Route 2 (see the map below).

The City of Monroe is the Lead Agency for the FEIS. The proponent has completed the FEIS under contract with PACE Engineers, Inc. The analysis was undertaken to meet the direction of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The non-project FEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of three alternatives, which are discussed in detail in the FEIS.



No specific development proposal is under application and this is a non-project action. Any future development application for a project action must demonstrate that the development complies with Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) requirements. The applicant will be responsible for demonstrating compliance with the standards in the MMC, and all other local, state, and federal regulations at the time of application for development.

Final EIS Date of Issuance

September 27, 2013

Next Actions

Following publication of the FEIS, the City of Monroe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan amendments on October 28th, 2013. The Planning Commission will then forward a recommendation on the amendments to the City Council in November. Final action on the amendments is scheduled for December 17, 2013. Please note that all dates listed are subject to change.

Appeal

Any agency or person may appeal the adequacy of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), within 15 working days of issuance by filing an appeal in conformance with MMC 21.60.010. The appeal shall be filed on forms provided by the SEPA responsible official and must be filed in original form. The appeal shall set forth the specific reason, rationale, and/or basis for the appeal. Payment of the appeal fee, as specified in the city's current Fee Resolution, shall occur at the time the appeal is filed. Appeal of the FEIS may be filed no later than **Friday**, **October 18**, **2013 at 5:00 pm**.

Availability of the Final EIS and Appendices

The complete East Monroe Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Appendices can be downloaded from the project website:

www.monroewa.gov/eastmonroe

Copies of these documents are also available for public review at the following locations:

Monroe City Hall

Monroe Library

806 West Main Street

1070 Village Way

Monroe, WA 98272

Monroe, WA 98272

Copies on CD-ROM are also available for purchase for \$5 from the City of Monroe at 806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272. Printed copies can be acquired for the cost of reproduction by the City at \$50.00 per copy.

If you have special accommodation needs, please contact the City of Monroe at (360)-794-7400.

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